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In the Application of:)
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 For: A System for Cell Based Screening)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX NEW APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patent
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir,

Please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please delete lines 6-17 on page 1 and replace with the following:


Cross Reference

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application 09/632,552 filed August 4, 2000, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Nos. 60/147,443 filed August 5, 1999; 60/176,589 filed January 18, 2000; and 60/205,696 filed May 19, 2000. This application is related to co-pending U.S. Applications for Patent S/Nos. 09/398,965 filed September 17, 1999; 09/031,271 filed February 27, 1998; 09/380,259 filed February 27, 1998; 09/352,171 filed July 12, 1999; 09/598,347 filed June 21, 2000; 09/293,209 filed April 16, 1999; 09/293,210 filed April 16, 1999; 09/398,965 filed September 17, 1999; 09/430,656 filed October 29, 1999; 09/513,783 filed February 25, 2000; and 09/569,508 filed May 12, 2000.

In the claims:

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